

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, ECON, CE

SUBJECT: REPORTED DROUGHT

FBIS ITEM QUOTES DELHI DOMESTIC SERVICE MARCH 13 TO EFFECT  
SRI LANKA IN GRIP OF SEVERE DROUGHT WHICH HAS AFFECTED  
ALL CROPS. OFFICIALS IN COLOMBO QUOTED AS DESCRIBING  
DROUGHT AS WORST IN 10 YEARS WITH LITTLE OR NO RAIN PAST  
FOUR MONTHS. REPORT SAYS THIS YEAR'S RICE HARVEST HAS  
BEEN LOWER BY HALF. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY  
CAN PROVIDE ON DROUGHT AND LIKELY EFFECT ON ECONOMY IF  
REPORT IS ACCURATE. ROGER

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